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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/657,241 | ULLBERG, CHRISTER | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Irakli Kiknadze | 2882 | |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the applicant's amendment dated 12/29/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date <u>01262005</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the Office action dated November 9, 2004 the Amendment has been received on December 29, 2004.

Claims 15-17 have been newly added.

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in this application

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Cho (Reg. No. 48,078) on February 7, 2005.

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 4, after " a stack of line detectors, each being directed " should read -- a stack of line detectors, for creating tomosynthesis data, each line detector being directed --.

Claim 13, line 11 " as transmitted through said " should read -- as transmitted through said object in a respective one of said plurality of different angles for creating the tomosynthesis data --.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-17 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-17 are allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a scanning-based apparatus and method for obtaining tomosynthesis data of an object using a divergent radiation source, which emits radiation centered around an axis of symmetry, comprising moving the divergent radiation source and a radiation detector comprising a stack of line detectors relative the object essentially linearly in a direction essentially orthogonal to the axis of symmetry, while each of the line detectors is adapted to record a plurality of line images of radiation as transmitted through the object in a respective one of the plurality of different angles for creating tomosynthesis data as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zeller et al. (US Patent 6,055,292), Doeber et al. (US Patent 5,511,106), Roder (US Patent 4,064,440) and Wang (US Patent 4,953,189) teach apparatus and methods for obtaining data using the radiation line detectors.

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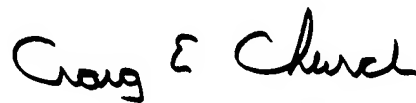
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irakli Kiknadze whose telephone number is 571-272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00- 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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February 6, 2005

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